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I watched the whole video and I didn't get this take away but the city did say they were in compliance and that the problem is in people's plumbing. Crowley, I thought, had just characterized our pilot so Nick may have just drawn this conclusion from what people said. Crowley also said the city doesn't have lead service lines and that the data shows its only a problem after the main.

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On Dec 13, 2016, at 8:36 AM, Kelley, Jeff <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)> wrote:

But is that what the city said at the town hall yesterday? Pete, did you watch the entire video online?

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I can give nick a call. He is likely writing a story based on the town hall they had where they did present this.

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On Dec 13, 2016, at 8:27 AM, Deltoral, Miguel <[deltoral.miguel@epa.gov](mailto:deltoral.miguel@epa.gov)> wrote:

I don't know if the reporter messed this up and got it backwards or whether EC provided this. Either way, this really needs to be corrected asap. The statements that the high lead was caused by excavation and that testing 'before the cleanup' shows they were in compliance (implying our pre-excavation data) is very obviously not true.

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Hi All,

Article: "Update: East Chicago Lead Contamination Drinking Water"

Link → <http://lakeshorepublicmedia.org/update-east-chicago-lead-contamination-drinking-water/>

<p><b>Update: East Chicago Lead Contamination Drinking Water</b></p> <p><b><u>Lakeshore</u></b></p> <p><a href="http://lakeshorepublicmedia.org">lakeshorepublicmedia.org</a></p> <p>Northwest Indiana based news, culture, sports and educational audio and video from 89.1FM, The Lakeshore (NPR) and Lakeshore Public Television (PBS).</p>
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See highlighted sentences.

Thanks,

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## **Update: East Chicago Lead Contamination Drinking Water**

*December 12, 2016*

*By: Nick Janzen, IPB News*

EAST CHICAGO -The City of East Chicago, Indiana told residents the high lead levels recently measured in parts of the city's drinking water are likely the result of efforts to clean up the lead in the soil there.

East Chicago Utilities Director Greg Crowley told residents that heavy machinery and soil excavation can knock loose lead in the city's older service lines, but can't release more details.

"They provided us some preliminary results, um, they wanted to validate their results, so we do not have final data," said Crowley.

The Environmental Protection Agency tested 45 homes in parts of the USS Lead Superfund site. Eighteen homes did have elevated levels.

Crowley says testing conducted before the cleanup shows East Chicago as a whole is in compliance with safe drinking water standards.

About half a dozen residents spoke at the meeting. Gilda Orange asked city officials to be open and provide accurate information.

“Our concerns is when people leave here, we’re still here, I’m not going anywhere, I’m going to die in my house and, whether it’s by lead, by cancer, by whatever, because we traded jobs for pollution a long time ago,” Orange said.

Utilities Director Crowley says residents can install filters or flush their water to reduce lead risk. He says the city is looking into ways to help residents cover those costs.